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SUBJECT: LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM: WASHINGTON VISIT OF
TASK FORCE 8 (LTDP, TF-8), 5-6 JAN 78

1. MEMBERS OF LTDP'S TF-8 VISITED DOD ON 5-6 JAN TO BRIEF
US ON THEIR WORK AND TO OBTAIN COMMENTS AND INFORMATION.
THE INITIAL SESSIONS PROVIDED A FORUM FOR THE TF TO REVIEW
THEIR THINKING ON SIX ITEMS OF THEIR TOR. FOLLOW-UP
SESSIONS WERE DEVOTED TO DISCUSSIONS WITH AND BRIEFINGS BY
SELECTED PERSONNEL FROM OUSDR AND E, ISA, JOINT STAFF,
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ARMY STAFF, AND STATE.

2. OUR PERCEPTION OF THE STATUS OF THE SIX TOPICS FOLLOWS:
SUMMARY - THE TASK FORCE SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE STRONG
INNOVATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS ON MILITARY REQUIREMENTS, ON
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, AND, PERHAPS, ON STANAGS AND CON-
FIGURATION MANAGEMENT. INNOVATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS ON

COMMON FUNDING ARE UNLIKELY. THE LONG-RANGE PLANNING ISSUE REMAINS THE MOST PRESSING PROBLEM FOR THE TF, FROM THE DOD POINT OF VIEW, AND HELP IS NEEDED IN THIS AREA FROM THE TF DIRECTOR. ASSISTANCE BY THE TF DIRECTOR TO

REINFORCE QUOTE REQUIREMENTS UNQUOTE PROGRESS SHOULD YIELD MAJOR BENEFITS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEF ADVISOR'S SHARING CONTENTS OF THIS MESSAGE WITH NATO ASYG FOR DEFENSE SUPPORT JOHN WALSH. END SUMMARY.

A. MILITARY REQUIREMENTS - MUCH OF THE FIRST DAY WAS SPENT ON THIS SUBJECT. B/GEN MEYER (FRG) PRESENTED A COMPREHENSIVE PAPER, WHICH REVIEWED THE PRESENT NATO SITUATION, DESCRIBED AN QUOTE IDEAL UNQUOTE STRUCTURE FOR PREPARING AND PROCESSING REQUIREMENTS, AND IDENTIFIED POTENTIAL PROBLEM AREAS. MEYER'S PREPARATION AND UNDERSTANDING OF ISSUES WERE IMPRESSIVE. ISA THEN PRESENTED A PAPER WHICH OUTLINED A POSSIBLE REQUIREMENTS PROCEDURE. THE TWO PAPERS WERE GENERALLY COMPLEMENTARY AND PROVIDE A GOOD BASIS FOR A STRONG TF RECOMMENDATION THAT NATO MUST FOCUS EARLY ON REQUIREMENTS ALONG THE LINES OF A PARTICULAR PROCEDURAL APPROACH. THE US GROUP IN SUPPORT OF TF-8 WILL WANT AN EARLY REVIEW OF ANY TF-8 OUTPUT ON REQUIREMENTS. RECOMMENDATIONS ON THIS ISSUE ARE POTENTIALLY THE MOST IMPORTANT LIKELY TO COME FROM TF-8.

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B. LONG-RANGE NATO ARMAMENTS PLANNING - THERE REMAINS A DIVERSITY OF OPINION WITHIN THE TF ON THIS SUBJECT. MR. WILLIAM PERRY (UK), WHO HAS THE LEAD ON THE ITEM, TENDS TO BELIEVE THAT SUCH PLANNING SHOULD REMAIN A NATIONAL PREROGATIVE, OR PROBABLY AT MOST A EUROPEAN ONE THAT WOULD BE DEVELOPED WITHIN THE IEPG. MR. TYLER PORT (US) BELIEVES, AS WE DO, THAT MORE AGGRESSIVE NATO ACTION IS NECESSARY, ESPECIALLY AT THE EARLY STAGES. OTHERS APPEAR TO BE SOMEWHERE BETWEEN. PERRY, HOWEVER, INDICATED THAT THE NAPR PROCESS SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED AND DEVELOPED INTO A NATO MANAGEMENT TOOL SIMILAR TO AND DOVETAILED WITH THE DPQ FORCE STRUCTURE PROCESS. WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THIS PARALLELING PAPS STUDY GROUP'S EFFORTS. MR. ROBERT CALAWAY, OUSDR AND E, WHO BOTH LEADS THE US GROUP IN SUPPORT OF TF-8 AND CHAIRS THE PAPS STUDY GROUP, PROVIDED A BRIEFING SIMILAR TO THAT WHICH HE PROVIDED TO THE PAPS STUDY GROUP IN DECEMBER. HE EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR A WEAPONS ACQUISITION STRATEGY AND PROCESS LEADING TO COOPERATIVE PLANNING AT EARLY STAGES, BEFORE GOVERNMENTS ARE COMMITTED TO SPECIFIC PROGRAMMED SOLUTIONS. WE DO NOT KNOW TO WHAT EXTENT THE TF WILL MOVE TOWARDS THE CALAWAY POSITION. A POSITION GREATLY IN VARIANCE WITH THE CALAWAY

POSITION WOULD, IN OUR VIEW, SEVERELY WEAKEN THE TF-8 REPORT. THE US GROUP, IN SUPPORT OF TF-8, INTENDS TO KEEP THE TF APPRISED OF THE PAPS STUDY GROUP'S PROGRESS AND TO ENCOURAGE THAT PAPS INFORMATION BE INCORPORATED IN THE TF REPORT.

C. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY - TF-8 PLANS TO ENDORSE THE AC-94 REPORT TO CNAD OF OCTOBER 1977. WE RECOMMENDED THAT THE TF ALSO CALL FOR THE NATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS AND TO MONITOR THAT IMPLEMENTATION, PROVIDING CNAD A STATUS REPORT. A TF STATEMENT ALONG THESE LINES WOULD INCREASE THE IMPACT OF THE TF REPORT. THE US GROUP, IN SUPPORT OF TF-8 EXPECTS TO FORWARD A PAPER ON THE SUBJECT TO THE TF DEVELOPING THE DOD POSITION. CONFIDENTIAL

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D. COMMON FUNDING - ALTHOUGH SOME ALTERNATIVES WERE EXPLORED, IT APPEARS THAT LITTLE SUPPORT CAN BE OBTAINED IMMEDIATELY FOR EXPANDING OR PARALLELING THE INFRA-STRUCTURE PROGRAM TO INCLUDE EQUIPMENT PROCUREMENT. THE MAJOR SOURCE OF COMMON FUNDING WILL CONTINUE TO BE MULTI-NATIONAL COOPERATIVE EQUIPMENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS. ALTHOUGH LACKING UNANIMITY, THIS FORM OF COLLABORATION IS NEVERTHELESS IMPORTANT AND DESERVES INCREASED EMPHASIS. THE US GROUP IN SUPPORT OF TF-8 DOES NOT NOW PLAN FURTHER ACTION.

E. STANAGS - TF THINKING ON THIS SUBJECT CENTERS ON TWO POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS: (1) RESPONSIBILITY FOR EQUIPMENT-RELATED STANAGS SHOULD BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE MAS TO THE CNAD STRUCTURE, AND (2) NATIONS SHOULD PROVIDE EVIDENCE THAT THE STANAGS ARE IMPLEMENTED. THESE RECOMMENDATIONS COULD BE USEFUL IN THE TF REPORT. THE US GROUP IN SUPPORT OF TF-8 INTENDS NO FURTHER ACTION.

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